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HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER, 6 1919.

Editorial Periscope

THE WEATHER—Saturday unsettled; not much change in temperature.

The Government control of sugar distribution will end Dec. 31 for lack of funds to carry it on. If you think sugar is high now, just wait.

Bergman and Goldman are getting ready for deportation to Russia, where they will no doubt be received with open arms.

Congressman Connally jumped on undertakers as showing an undue anxiety to secure the return of the bodies of American soldiers killed in France.

The real prosecutions at Indianapolis will not be for contempt but for violations of the Lever law against combinations in restraint of trade, the penalty being a fine of \$5,000 and two years imprisonment.

Jenkins has been released from prison, at Puebla, Mexico, but the issue raised will not be settled by his tardy release. It is one more thing that Mexico must some day answer for.

James D. McDowell, mayor of Vincennes, has refused an offer of more than 400 Knox county striking miners, who volunteered to go to the country and cut wood for those out of coal as a result of the nation-wide walkout in the industry.

Senator Fall has introduced a resolution to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico, charging the Mexican embassy and consuls with the consent of Carranza are spreading Bolshevik propaganda in the United States. The entire Mexican situation has thus been brought before Congress.

The report that two of Villa's men are trying to get money on a promise to "turn him up" and deliver him as a prisoner to Carranza faction lacks confirmation. It is not made clear what the other 998 men of his army are doing while two are betraying the bandit leader. Villa may be about to turn a new trick to wipe out his enemies, but the latest report is that the rumor was false.

The Republican Senators have appointed Senator Fall and Senator Hitchcock a committee to wait on the President and ascertain his views on the contemplated break with Mexico. It is believed to be a thinly disguised scheme to secure admittance of Senators to the sick room to remove doubts as to the president's actual condition. The Republican Senators would like to declare him incompetent to discharge his duties, opening the way for them to have a presiding officer in the Senate instead of the vice president.

JENKINS

RELEASED

Mexicans Conclude to Let American Out of Jail at Last.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The State Department was advised today that W. D. Jenkins, the American consular agent held in prison by Mexican authorities, has been released.

TOBACCO STILL STRONG PRICE

Decries Light But Daily Sales Have Been Held On Floors.

The tobacco market continues strong, with receipts light so far. Small sales have been held every day this week. With the seasonable weather for handling, increased deliveries may be expected next week. Prices range from \$10.00 to \$37.50. According to grades, prices this week ranged:

Prash, \$10 to \$12.
Lugs—Common, \$12 to \$14; medium, \$14 to \$16; good, \$16 to \$18; fine, \$18 to \$22.
Leaf—Low, 15 to 20; common \$20 to \$25; medium, \$25 to \$30; good, \$30 to \$37.50. No fine leaf offered.

CONSPIRACY OPERATORS AND MINERS CHARGED

U. S. TO PROBE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF LEVER FUEL LAW

FEDERAL GRAND JURY CALLED

Six Officials of Miners' Unions Furnish \$10,000 Bond For Appearance.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5.—Upon the heels of its institution of contempt proceedings against officials of the United Mine Workers of America, the Government has taken steps to broaden the scope of its prosecution in connection with the strike of coal miners and will investigate alleged violations of the Lever Fuel Control Act and the Sherman anti-trust law by miners, operators and others.

United States District Judge A. B. Anderson ordered a special session of the Federal grand jury here next Monday morning and immediately afterward a statement was given out by United States District Attorney L. Bert Slack and Dan W. Simms, special district attorney, who is aiding the injunction proceedings, declaring that the time has arrived to determine whether this is a government of law or a group of men.

Six Furnish Bond.
This morning six officials of the United Mine Workers of America, who were charged with criminal contempt for alleged violation of the Federal court's injunction against the strike, appeared at the Federal building and furnished bond of \$10,000 each for their appearance in court next Tuesday. They were Jno. L. Lewis, acting president of the organization; William Green, secretary-treasurer; Ellis Searles, editor of the Mine Workers' Journal; Percy Tetlow, statistician, and Edward Stewart and William Mitch, officials of District No. 11.

The charges against seventy-eight other miners' representatives of violation of the injunction, were printed and certified and copies were being mailed to all court districts in which defendants reside. It was stated that as soon as this information is received in the various districts, capiases will be issued for arrest of men named in the charges, and removal proceedings to procure their appearance in court here will be instituted.

Probe Nation Wide.
The grand jury investigation, called primarily to deal with charges against coal operators, will cover all phases of the controversy in the coal industry, and will be nation-wide in its scope, it was stated. The statement of Government attorneys brought out that the investigation was intended not only to furnish relief in the present coal crisis, but that the Government expects to prosecute all violators of the law and will see that they suffer the penalties provided by law. The Lever act carries a penalty of \$5,000 fine or imprisonment not to exceed two years in the penitentiary.

It was stated that the determination to begin the grand jury investigation came as a result of disclosures in the proceedings against the miners' leaders, which tended to show that the coal operators, as well as the miners, were in a conspiracy to violate the Lever law. Agents of the Department of Justice two weeks ago started an investigation of alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law by operators and the evidence collected by them added to that secured in previous investigations of the miners.

STILL MAKING GOOD

LaFayette has increased its subscription to \$3500, Casky to \$2500 and Sinking Fork to \$2400 and will go to \$2500.

Salem finished Wednesday with \$16,500, going over the top \$1500. Pleasant Hill wound up the canvass Wednesday night with \$9,500 and enough unreported to make \$10,500, of \$1500 over its quota. Locust Grove with \$10,000 quota will make it \$14,000.



LAST DAYS OF VICTORY WEEK

Christian County Churches Already \$7,000 Over The Quota For the County.

Fed additional reports have come in from the Baptist campaign. Thirteen of the 24 churches of Bethel Association in Christian county have gone over their quotas, raising \$251,000, more than the entire quota for the county by \$7,000. Of the other 11 churches 3 are expected to raise their quotas fully, amounting to \$13,000. The other eight have quotas aggregating \$33,000 and not more than half of this can be expected and some may fail entirely. By the time the Victory Week ends tomorrow, the total subscriptions in the county should be possibly \$270,000. A campaign will then be undertaken to help the weak churches and increase the figures in the strong ones, with \$300,000 as the goal.

Logan county churches are doing well. Russellville will reach its quota of \$40,000, Adairville has gone over by \$3,500, Auburn is over and only one church is in danger of a fall down.

Todd churches are all right. Trenton is over, Elkton won easily and Guthrie had no trouble.

The Association's quota of \$450,000 is no doubt already subscribed or will surely be by tomorrow.

Four Minute Men from Hopkinsville will go to Gracey tomorrow morning and help West Union church, in Little River. Its quota is \$7500.

West Mt. Zoar will also hold a meeting Sunday with about half of its \$2,000 quota subscribed. Bethel at Fairview is expected to finish.

The Long Run Association, composed of 48 churches has passed the million-dollar mark, with two churches yet to report, in the Southern Baptist campaign for \$75,000.

The West Broadway Baptist church, asked to donate \$10,000, reported last night that the quota had been doubled.

This is \$200,000 above the quota. Dr. Ben L. Bruner, organizer of the Association, announced that the State would oversubscribe \$2,000,000. The campaign closes Sunday.

Rev. E. L. Meador, a student from Bethel College, will preach at the Mt. Zoar church, Kelly, tomorrow at 11 a. m.

ANOTHER BAPTIST DRIVE
At the prayer meeting service at the First Baptist church Wednesday night, it was voted unanimously to put on another "drive" in January to raise \$22,000 for the annual budget and to pay for the Duffy property recently purchased to build an addition to the church upon.

FINE MEETING OF ATHENAEUM

Two Splendid Papers and Lively Discussion Lasting Until 11:30 p. m.

The Athenaeum continues to make this the best year in its history of 18 years.

The meeting Thursday night was attended by only 17 members, owing to inclement weather and other causes, but the program was excellent.

T. J. McReynolds wrote on "Strikes" and Dr. L. W. Doolan on "The Democracy That Is Safe For the World."

The papers were closely allied and both were prepared with great erudition and were most entertaining. Mr. McReynolds suggested work as the best remedy for our present ills, while Dr. Doolan saw virtue in a social democracy and a common interest between capital and labor and the spread of christian fellowship.

The discussion that followed touched every phase of the vital question that is now in the front, many divergent ideas being expressed on what was best to be done. A strong patriotic coloring characterized all the speeches.

The resignation of Dr. R. L. Woodard was accepted.

Two new members were elected—Rev. George C. Abbott and Harschel A. Long.

Alvan H. Clark and Ira D. Smith are on the program next time.

Those present were: President J. A. McKenzie, H. W. Linton, A. R. Kasey, L. W. Doolan, A. H. Clark, S. P. White, C. E. Woodruff, T. J. McReynolds, Chas. M. Meacham, J. W. Downer, John Stites, T. C. Underwood, A. H. Eckles, E. V. Rawn, Ira D. Smith, W. O. Soyars and T. W. Blakey.

CHILDREN FROM ORPHANS HOME

Entertainment At Tabernacle Last Night By Children From Clarksville.

The children from the Odd Fellows' Home in Clarksville gave an entertainment at the Tabernacle last night. The boys' band of 18 pieces and the girls' orchestra of 12 pieces furnished inspiring music. The boys' band gave a concert on the street during the afternoon. The children who took part in the entertainment in music, plays and specialties are being cared for in the Home. The performance was well attended.

MRS. WILSON BEARS BURDEN

PRESERVES STOICAL SILENCE IN FACE OF SLANDER AND FIGHTS FOR HIS LIFE

AND SERVES AS SECRETARY

Constantly With the President and Decides What Work He Can Do.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Behind the scenes at the white house where peering eyes cannot see, but where come newspaper editorials and senatorial comment demanding to know whether President Wilson wrote his own message, whether he is functioning as head of the government, whether he should not be legally declared incompetent to hold office, there is a picture of heroic determination on the part of a worried woman to save her husband's life, and fight to the bitter end the political calumny that is being avalanched upon the man who gave seven years to public service, and now lies a victim of nervous exhaustion.

The attack, for it has been renewed with vigor in the last few days, is not directed at the cabinet, nor at the secretary of the president, but against an unidentified power in the white house. Why doesn't someone say what really ails the president? Why doesn't some one announce that he wrote his own message? Why do not the physicians deny that the president is paralyzed or mentally unbalanced? Why didn't the president see Senator Hitchcock last Saturday? Why the secrecy and the mystery? Questions like these have bombarded the white house of late and the best way to answer them is to tell what is happening in the executive mansion.

Mrs. Wilson Is Secretary.

Between the president and the outside world stands Mrs. Woodrow Wilson as devoted and faithful a companion as ever nursed a sick man. Day and night she is at his bedside, not only ministering to his wants, but reading the mass of memoranda that is transmitted to her and determining what quantity he shall see each day.

Mrs. Wilson has become the president's own secretary for the time being. All notes that come from government officials go to her first. Members of the cabinet communicate with Secretary Tumulty who in turn brings to Mrs. Wilson's attention the matters which ought to have the president's time and thought. He helps determine the priority and the importance of the matters but Mrs. Wilson finally decides how much work the president shall do each day.

It is a big task, and an immense responsibility, and it is doubtful if ever a woman in American history had such burden. She is constantly relying however, on the advice of the physicians who are attending the president. They have told her he will recover, his life will be saved, if he has rest and care. As between a chance to save a life, and answer the numerous questions, and attacks that are being made upon the president, Mrs. Wilson has chosen the course of stoical silence.

Why doesn't someone say what is the matter with the President? Some of the most noted physicians in the country have issued statements. Intimate details have from time to time been revealed even to the extent of describing trouble with the prostate gland and digestive weaknesses. Dr. Dercum, the noted neurologist, has issued a statement saying the president was so much improved that he didn't believe he would have to come back for regular visits any more. Other statements of reassurance have been given. Yet the outcry for more details—for more information continues.

HENDERSON MAKES RECORD.

Henderson, Dec. 5.—The floor market opened here Monday with plenty of tobacco on the floors and buyers bidding lively for the better grades. One nice pile of fired tobacco brought \$45 and the trash of same \$23.

The market is considerable higher on the average than last year, with the best grades going much higher.

COAL STRIKE SITUATION

NO IMPROVEMENT AS GOVERNMENT PREPARES TO LAY ON THE LAW

BAD WEATHER AND SUFFERING

Stores May Keep Open With Oil Lamps and Candles And No Heat.

Latest coal developments: De luxe train service will be curtailed in order to save fuel and make coal traffic easier.

Western cities flood Washington with complaints that the East is not saving.

Operators, meeting in Washington offer an increase in pay of 14 cents a ton for coal mined. They claim the pay increase is greater than 14 per cent, suggested by Garfield.

Grand jury investigations have been broadened to include operators and others implicated in keeping the strike in effect.

Rumors of arrests of miners in Kentucky fields are reported.

Governor Cox has called a meeting of Ohio operators and miners today in an effort to end the strike.

The Local Situation.

Hopkinsville has been practically without coal this week until Monday when one car was doled out to each dealer and distributed on waiting orders. It did not relieve the situation.

The Kentuckian office was one of the many business houses out of coal and forced to burn wood, coke or any available substitute. In some residences coal oil stoves were used.

Yesterday even coke was put under the ban and unless more coal is allowed to Hopkinsville actual distress will prevail with anything like zero weather.

The Forbes Manufacturing Company is hauling coal from the Empire mines in trucks, by special arrangement to keep the plant going. Reverting to medieval and Victorian methods of illumination, a few stores in the Louisville downtown district Thursday night took advantage of the modification in the order permitting use of light other than that produced from gas or electricity. Candles and kerosene lamps shed dim rays over establishments ordinarily as bright as day.

Larger business houses for the most part followed the original interpretation closing at 4 o'clock, managers saying the permitted light were too dangerous and expensive.

The following new interpretations were issued from Mr. Mapother's office Thursday night:

Dances and receptions may be held outside of the prescribed hours provided lights and heat from coal, wood and gas are not used.

Churches, schools, fraternal organizations, clubs, and charitable, religious and community organizations are not subject to regulations.

All departments of coal mines with offices and commissaries incidental to their operation, are excepted.

Chemical laboratories are classed as industries engaged in continuous operation.

All restrictions placed on use of the coal supply apply to coke.

Oil lamps and candles may be used in stores and offices open outside the prescribed hours.

Wholesale manufacturing druggists, manufacturing opticians grinding to prescription and wholesale manufacturing and retail surgical instrument and dental houses are considered as having the same exemption as drug stores.

Apartment houses are classed as private homes.

GROCERS GET RULING.

The retail grocers of the City of Hopkinsville have asked for an interpretation of the Government rule regarding opening and closing of stores as applies to them.

Until further notice such stores may open at 7 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. week days, and 9 p. m. on Saturdays.

No light or fire permitted only during these hours.

FRANK H. BASSETT, Mayor.

An aviator is giving flights at Bowling Green.